

Community Supervision Standards Juvenile Justice Authority State of Kansas	CHAPTER: DOCUMENTATION, REPORTING AND RECORDS	STANDARD NO. CSS-03-111
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STANDARD: Written policy, procedure and practice provide for the reporting of all instances of suspected child abuse and/or neglect in accordance with state and federal requirements. This includes suspected cases of physical, mental, emotional, or sexual abuse.

Whenever a juvenile reports or staff observe indicators of child abuse and/or neglect, there are procedures for juvenile care and investigation of the allegation. Such reports shall be made regardless of where the abuse occurred. Reports of suspected child abuse shall be made to any SRS office or to the Kansas Child Abuse Hotline. The identity of the mandatory reporter is held confidential, although exceptions do apply under law. The Community Supervision Agency shall not conduct an investigation of any allegation of suspected abuse prior to reporting the incident to SRS. The child protection investigator shall be responsible for all investigations, except for abuse alleged to have occurred in a state institution operated by either SRS (e.g., a state hospital) or by JJA. When the abuse is alleged to have occurred in a state operated facility, the report shall be made to the Attorney General's office.

DISCUSSION: None.

NOTE: The standards and procedures set forth herein are intended to establish operational guidelines for community supervision agencies and their employees/contractors and juveniles under supervision. They are not intended to establish state created liberty interests for community supervision agencies or their employees/contractors, or supervised juveniles, or an independent duty owed by the Juvenile Justice Authority to community supervision agencies, or their employees/contractors, supervised juveniles or third parties. This standard and procedure is not intended to establish or create new constitutional rights or to enlarge or expand upon existing constitutional rights or duties.